

In the specification,

Please replace paragraphs 68, 69 and 70 of specification (see US Pub no. 20040152511) with the following amended paragraph,

[0068] An ROG pull is executed at step 340. The ROG pull can take several different forms or a combination of forms. For example, in one implementation the ROG is contained within a gaming system 180 (FIG. 1) such as a slot machine or online casino game. If the ROG results in a ~~losing~~ losing outcome, the outcome is displayed to the user through user interface 190 (step 350) and progressive management device 100 transmits updated progressive information to users (step 360). If the ROG results in a winning outcome, the outcome is displayed to the user through a user interface 190 (step 370), progressive management device 100 is notified, which then suspends the progressive and performs an audit on the winning transaction or transactions (step 380).

[0069] In another implementation, the ROG is contained within a gaming server 170, which is responsible for the ROG operations of the gaming systems 180 managed by gaming server 170. Gaming server 170 executes the ROG pull at step 340 and can transmit the result to the gaming system 180 through an appropriate interface. The gaming system can include game logic for mapping the ROG result to a game outcome. That is, the gaming system can determine the game outcome based on the received ROG result. Alternatively, gaming server can include game logic, in which case, the gaming server can determine the game outcome and send the determined game outcome to the game system. If the ROG results in a winning outcome, progressive management device 100 is notified, which then suspends the progressive and performs an audit on the winning transaction or transactions (step 380). If the ROG results in a ~~losing~~ losing outcome, progressive management device 100 can then transmit updated progressive information to users (step 360).

[0070] A further implementation places the ROG in a third party device such as outcome services component 140 within progressive management device 100. Outcome services component 140 can generate ROG results, at step 340, for a progressive determination as well as for individual gaming servers or gaming systems or both. Outcome services component 140 executes a ROG based on the odds of winning for the originating gaming system as determined by analysis engine 120 (step 340). The outcome services component 140 can then transmit the result of the ROG to a gaming server 170 or a gaming system 180, depending on which is designed to manage game outcomes, which then displays the outcome to a user through a user interface 190. If the ROG results in a winning outcome, progressive management device 100 is

notified, which then suspends the progressive and performs an audit on the winning transaction or transactions (step 380). If the ROG results in a ~~loosing~~ losing outcome, progressive management device 100 can then transmit updated progressive information to users (step 360).